

Charter Leader Background and Advocacy Information

6/23/20 9am LAUSD Board Meeting

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re: Support for Reimagining School Safety and Investing in Our Highest Need Students resolution and ask for charter representation in deciding next steps

Tomorrow on Tuesday, June 23 the L.A. Unified Board will vote on whether to support any of three resolutions brought forward to address the issue of school policing on district campuses. This question directly affects charters in that your schools serve families whose children also attend district schools, and many of you share district campuses. Beyond that, Los Angeles charters systematically have chosen to invest resources in other ways of developing safe campus cultures: the vast majority of Los Angeles charters do not hire on-campus police.

Tomorrow, on June 23, Monica Garcia's resolution *Reimagining School Safety and Investing in Our Highest Need Students* is the only policy of three that explicitly redirects funds into the same resources your schools now keep students safe without a police presence. The ACLU SoCal, Community Coalition, Inner City Struggle, Brothers, Sons, Selves, and other organizations including UTLA are lining up to support Monica's resolution. It is important that your voices are heard on this issue, as it both affects your schools and you also have developed alternative models that help carve a path forward for the entire district—without abdicating work the charter community must own to better support our own students.

You can be a voice to advocate for a meaningful shift to school safety by doing the following:

- 1) Send a letter to the LAUSD Board before the Board Meeting begins at 9am tomorrow using the information below.
- 2) Call into the board meeting if you can during public comment if you have the time to do so, recognizing you may not get through.
(Information below.)

Goal:

- o Demonstrate charter community support for Monica Garcia's Resolution, *Reimagining School Safety and Investing in Our Highest Need Students*.
- o Request charter community at seat at the table to discuss issues of school policing that directly affect our shared students, families, and campuses.
- o Share ways charters have made decisions to invest in alternative supports and resources besides policing.

Context:

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- o Monica's resolution is the closest board action towards securing meaningful change for students and families; our support is a measure of our role in ensuring equitable outcomes for students in California.
- o The vast majority of Los Angeles charter public schools have opted not to invest in school-site police, and instead develop safe school cultures through alternative investments.
- o Los Angeles charter practices on policing do not absolve charter schools from acknowledging and doing the additional work needed to value Black lives and uplift leaders of color in our sector.

Data:

- o Recent data shows that there has been a 44% increase, from 2013-2014 to 2015-2016 academic years, in Law Enforcement Referrals in schools.
- o 30% of Students Statewide are in Schools with Reporting Police, but no access to critical supports like Psychologists, Nurses, Social Workers, and/or Counselors.
- o Black Students are arrested at a rate 3x that of their White classmates.

Ask:

Support Board Member Monica Garcia's resolution, *Reimagining School Safety and Investing in Our Highest Need Students* and request charter community has a seat at the table to discuss issues of school policing that directly affect our shared students, families, and campuses.

Email Recipients

Subject Line	(Organization Name) Support for <i>Reimagining School Safety and Investing in Our Highest Need Students</i>
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Sample draft letter for reference:

LAUSD Board Members,

Thank you for all you are doing to support our Los Angeles community during this critical time. I'm writing this letter in support of Board Member Monica Garcia's resolution Reimagining School Safety and Investing in Our Highest Need Students. This issue directly affects the Los Angeles charter community, and I therefore ask that you include charter schools on any next steps that will affect our students and families

(Add your story- reference points above as helpful, but modify as you see fit)

Story: Share your story of campus free of school police, what additional resources are available to your students? Do you have a social worker, counselors, school nurses? How did you make that decision and why?

(Restate Ask)

We ask you for you to support Board Member Monica Garcia's resolution Reimagining School Safety and Investing in Our Highest Need Students and request charter community is directly involved subsequent decision-making regarding policing that directly affect our shared students, families, and campuses.

With deep appreciation,

(Signature)

LAUSD Board Meeting Public Comment via Phone:

The Tuesday 6/23 board meeting will begin at 9am. You can see the [agenda](#) here and watch [here](#).

It is likely public comment will not begin until 9:30am. Individuals wishing to address the Board at the beginning of this meeting should call 1-669-900-6833 and enter Meeting ID 942 7247 3056 from their telephone keypad. Then press #, and then # again when prompted for the Participant ID. Callers will be selected to speak randomly from the list of callers for 1 hour. There will be no advantage to calling early.

Callers will know to speak when receiving the signal that their phone has been unmuted and when the meeting moderator announces the last four digits of their

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phone number. All callers may not be heard by the conclusion of the 90-minute time period.